

[Mr. N. E. Varughese.]

- (d) the reasons why the Government put off the work ;
- (e) whether they intend to include this work in the next year's (1110) budget; and
- (f) whether they are aware of the existence of a High School and a market on either side of the river ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (a) 2nd September 1932.

- (b) Yes, if sufficient funds were available.
- (c) In the year 1108.
- (d) A sum of Rs. 3,000 was allotted for the work in 1108, but the land compensation charges alone were expected to be about Rs. 1,100. The balance amount, viz., Rs. 1,900 was not sufficient for such a big work.
- (e) The question providing funds in 1110 will be considered along with the Budget for that year.
- (f) Yes.

Experts of the Industries Department.

338. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of experts in the Industries Department of Travancore ;
- (b) the amount already spent, till the end of 1108, for the working of these experts ; and
- (c) the profit gained or the loss sustained by Government from the works done by the several experts ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) :

- (a) Two.
- (b) Rs. 1,30,238.
- (c) It is not possible to furnish the information.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamittta*) : May I know whether the member can furnish the House with any record of work done by these experts according to the promise given by him during the last budget session of the Assembly ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : I claim notice.

Registry of swampy areas within Reserved forests.

339. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the extent, in acres, of the several swampy portions suitable for paddy cultivation in the different reserved forests of Travancore ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : 4,588 acres.

Text-Book Committee.

340. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of members constituting the Text-Book Committee formed in 1109 and the communities to which they belong ?